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Amendment to the Drawings:

Figures 3 and 4 were inadvertently submitted in one sheet as interposed on each other.

Submitted here with are two sheets of drawings that depict Figures 3 and 4 separately.

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 3 are objected to for minor informalities. These claims are amended as shown above to overcome the cited objections.

Claims 1-7, 9-11 and 13 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated in view of Wenger (US Pub. No. 2003/0233242 A1). This rejection is respectfully traversed because as set forth below, Wenger does not teach each and every one of the claimed limitations.

Claim 1 requires a system accessible by a user for planning and tracking certification. According to the claim, a planner generates one or more certification goals based on a user profile and an authority profile associated with a certification authority. It is important to note that Claim 1 requires the planner to be responsive to user selection of one or more of the generated certification goals for creating a certification plan, and a tracker that updates the certification plan in response to input regarding achievement of the one or more selected certification goals.

The Action states that Wenger teaches:

planner that generates one or more certification goals based on a user profile
and an authority profile associated with a certification authority" (Pg. 6, ¶ 89; via users
select the school they want to profile their transcript against. The analysis provides a

profile that details overall credits required to complete the program, where transcript
information is stored in the users profile/account and the program information is taken
from school profiles and the credits to be completed for the program are the certification
goals)

Thus, the Action equates "the credits to be completed for the program" as the claimed
requirement for "certification goals. The Action then states that:

"wherein the planner is responsive to user selection of one or more of the generated certification goals for creating a certification plan" (pg. 6, ¶ 89; via users select the school they want to profile their transcript against. They can elect to have their transcript profiled against School/Program or Equivalency data or License programs);

However, Claim 1 specifically requires the planner to be responsive to user selection of one or more of the generated certification goals for creating a certification plan. Thus, according to the claim, the user is required to select a "certification goal." Having equated the "credit to be completed" as the certification goal" under the reasoning adopted by the Action, Wenger must therefore disclose a user selecting such credit to create the certification plan in order to anticipate the claimed invention. However, the Action is relying on Wegner's teaching about the selection of "the school" for meeting the claimed requirement for selecting the certification goal, thereby equating "the school" as "the certification goal" when the Action had previously equated "the credits to be completed" as the certification goal. This inconsistency in characterizing both the "school selection" and "credits to be completed" as the claimed requirement for the "certification goal" is only one reason Wenger does not anticipate the claimed invention.

Moreover, Claim 1 requires creating a certification plan by selecting one or more certification goals. Even assuming that "credit to be completed" as taught by Wegner are certification goals, there is no teaching or suggestion in Wenger regarding the selection of such credits for creating a plan, and it certainly does not teach selecting the "school" for creating a plan. As a consequence, there is no teach or suggestion in Wenger regarding a tracker that updates the certification plan..., as required by Claim 1.

With respect to the tracker requirement, the Action states that Wenger teaches:

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"and a tracker that updates the certification plan in response to input regarding achievement of the one or more selected certification goals" (pg. 4, ¶ 31; via tracks credits achieved through training or portfolio processes).

However, the claim requires the tracker to update the certification plan. Tracking of the credits as taught by Wenger is akin to tracking certification goals under the reasoning adopted by the Action. Claim 1, however, does not require tracking the certification goals. Instead, the tracker is used to update the certification plan that is created by selection of the certification goals.

For the reasons set forth above it is submitted that Wenger fails to anticipate the claimed invention because the claimed invention includes a number of limitations not disclosed, taught or suggested in Wenger. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that a personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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